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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1.   (Currently amended) An operation screen creating system for creating an operation screen, said system comprising:

a paste-up information receiving unit for receiving paste-up information to paste on information pasting regions on the operation screen;

a paste-up information setting unit for setting the position and size of said paste-up information to be pasted on the information pasting regions on the operation screen, a barycenter of said paste-up information coinciding with a predetermined point on the operation screen; and

an operation screen creating unit for creating a new operation screen according to the result of the setting set by said paste-up information setting unit,

wherein said operation screen is for a control terminal which controls a remote terminal via a communication line,

wherein said operation screen creating unit comprises an editing device for editing at least one of a position and size of said information pasting regions to create said operation screen for controlling said remote terminal, ~~and~~

wherein said paste-up information is pasted on said information pasting regions based on a relative position and size of said information pasting regions,

wherein said paste-up information setting unit undertakes an automatic positioning setting process for coinciding said barycenter of said paste-up information received by said paste-up information receiving unit with a predetermined point on the operation screen, and

wherein said automatic positioning setting process is conducted when said paste-up information is moved to the amount of a predetermined ratio in a predetermined position on the operation screen in which said paste-up information is to be pasted.

2.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said paste-up information receiving unit includes at least one of an image data reading unit for receiving image data and a text data receiving unit for receiving text data.

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3.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating system as claimed in claim 1,
further comprising:

      an external memory device in communication with said control terminal,

      wherein said paste-up information receiving unit reads out said paste-up information
from a file recorded in said external memory device.

4-5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating system as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said operation screen creating unit creates a plurality of the operation screens, having
different designs based on a common setting value relating to a position, size, and direction of
said paste-up information.

7.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating system as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said control terminal comprises a plurality of control terminals, and said system
further comprises:

      a paste-up information storing unit connecting to said communication line, said paste-
up information storing unit being in communication with said plurality of said control
terminals for storing therein a setting value relating to a position, size and direction of said
paste-up information set by said paste-up information setting unit,

      wherein the operation screen of said plurality of control terminals is updated in
accordance with said setting value of said paste-up information stored in said paste-up
information storing unit.

8.   (Currently amended) An operation screen creating method for creating an operation
screen, said method comprising:

      receiving paste-up information to paste on the information pasting regions on said
operation screen;

      setting the position and size of said paste-up information to be pasted on said
information pasting regions on the operation screen, a barycenter of said paste-up information
coinciding with a predetermined point on the operation screen; and

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creating a new operation screen according to the setting set by said paste-up information setting unit,

wherein said new operation screen is for a control terminal which controls a remote terminal via a communication line,

wherein said operation screen creating unit comprises an editing device for editing at least one of a position and size of said information pasting regions to create said new operation screen for controlling said remote terminal, ~~and~~

wherein said paste-up information is pasted on said information pasting regions based on a relative position and size of said information pasting regions,

wherein said setting said position and size comprises an automatic positioning setting for coinciding said barycenter of said paste-up information received by said paste-up information receiving unit with a predetermined point in the operation screen, and

wherein said automatic positioning setting is conducted when said paste-up information is moved to the amount of a predetermined ratio in a predetermined position on the operation screen in which said paste-up information is to be pasted.

9.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said receiving said paste-up information comprises at least one of receiving image data and receiving text data.

10.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said receiving said paste-up information comprises reading out said paste-up information from a file recorded in an external memory device in communication with said control terminal.

11-12. (Canceled)

13.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said creating said new operation screen comprises creating a plurality of the operation screens all together, having different designs based on a common setting value relating to a position, size, and direction of said paste-up information.

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14.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

   storing in said paste-up information storing unit connected to said communication line a setting value relating to a position, size, and direction of said paste-up information set by said paste-up information setting unit; and   ·

   updating the operation screen of said plurality of control terminals by using said setting value of said paste-up information stored in said paste-up information storing unit.

15.   (Currently amended) A recording medium that stores a program including instructions for performing a method for creating an operation screen, the method comprising:

   receiving paste-up information to paste on information pasting regions on the operation screen;

   setting the position and size of said paste-up information to be pasted on the information paste-up regions on said operation screen, a barycenter of said paste-up information coinciding with a predetermined point on the operation screen; and

   creating the new operation screen according to the setting set by said paste-up information setting unit,

   wherein said new operation screen is for a control terminal which controls a remote terminal via a communication line,

   wherein said creating said new operation screen comprises editing at least one of a position and size of said information pasting regions to create said new operation screen for controlling said remote terminal, ~~and~~

   wherein said paste-up information is pasted on said information pasting regions based on a relative position and size of said information pasting regions,

   <u>wherein said setting said position and size comprises an automatic positioning setting for coinciding said barycenter of said paste-up information received by said paste-up information receiving unit with a predetermined point in the operation screen, and</u>

   <u>wherein said automatic positioning setting is conducted when said paste-up information is moved to the amount of a predetermined ratio in a predetermined position on the operation screen in which said paste-up information is to be pasted.</u>

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16.   (Previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein said
receiving comprises at least one of receiving image data and receiving text data.

17.   (Previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein said
receiving comprises reading out said paste-up information from a file recorded in a connected
external memory device to be communicated from the terminal.

18-19. (Canceled)

20.   (Previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein said
creating said new operation screen comprises creating a plurality of the operation screens all
together, having different designs based on a common setting value relating to a position,
size, and direction of said paste-up information.

21.   (Previously presented) The recording medium as claimed in claim 15, the method
further comprising:
        storing in said paste-up information storing unit connected to said communication line
a setting value relating to a position, size, and direction of said paste-up information set by
said paste-up information setting unit; and
        updating the operation screen of said plurality of control terminals by using said
setting value of said paste-up information stored in said paste-up information storing unit.

22.   (Currently amended) An operation screen creating system, comprising:
        a display device for displaying an operation screen, said display device being operably
connecting to a control terminal connecting to a communication line;
        a paste-up information section; and
        a screen arrangement section having an input side connecting to said paste-up
information section and an output side connecting to said display device, said screen
arrangement section being operated by a user to automatically coincide a barycenter of paste-
up information inputting from said paste-up information section with a predetermined point

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on said operation screen,

      wherein said screen arrangement section comprises an editing device for editing at least one of a position and size of information pasting regions on said operation screen to create said operation screen for controlling said remote terminal, ~~and~~

      wherein said paste-up information is pasted on said information pasting regions based on a relative position and size of said information pasting regions, and

      <u>wherein said automatic positioning setting process is conducted when said paste-up information is moved to the amount of a predetermined ratio in a predetermined position on the operation screen in which said paste-up information is to be pasted</u>.

23.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said remote terminal comprises a printer.

24.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operation screen is located at said control terminal.

25.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

      a display device connected to said control terminal, said operation screen being displayed by said display device.

26.   (Previously presented) The operation screen creating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said remote terminal comprises a plurality of remote terminals.

27.   (Currently amended) A tool for creating an operation screen for operating a remote printer, comprising:

      a memory device which stores information to be displayed in said operation screen for operating a remote printer;

      a processor which causes a display device to display preset information pasting regions on a background screen, and causes said information to be displayed on said preset information pasting regions; and

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an editing device for editing at least one of a position and size of said preset information pasting regions to create said operation screen for operating a remote printer,

wherein said paste-up information is pasted on said information pasting regions based on a relative position and size of said information pasting regions,

wherein said editing device undertakes an automatic positioning setting process for coinciding said barycenter of said paste-up information received by said paste-up information receiving unit with a predetermined point on the operation screen, and

wherein said automatic positioning setting process is conducted when said paste-up information is moved to the amount of a predetermined ratio in a predetermined position on the operation screen in which said paste-up information is to be pasted.

28.   (Previously presented) The tool according to claim 27, wherein said operation screen comprises a background screen and said information paste-up regions comprise outlined areas displayed on said background screen.

29.   (Previously presented) The tool according to claim 28, wherein said operation screen creating unit causes said outlined areas to be erased from said operation screen when said information is ready to be pasted.

30.   (Previously presented) The tool according to claim 27, wherein said operation screen creating unit causes a size of said information to be altered one of automatically based on a size of said information paste-up regions, and based on a user input.

31.   (Previously presented) The tool according to claim 27, wherein said editing device comprises one of an automatic editing device which automatically edits a position and size of said information paste-up regions and a user-operated editing device which edits a position and size of said information paste-up regions according to a user operation.

32.   (Currently amended) A method for creating an operation screen for operating a remote printer, comprising:

storing information to be displayed in said operation screen for operating a remote

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printer;

     displaying preset information pasting regions on a background screen, and displaying said information on said preset information pasting regions; and

     editing at least one of a position and size of said preset information pasting regions to create said operation screen for operating a remote printer,

     wherein said paste-up information is pasted on said information pasting regions based on a relative position and size of said information pasting regions,

     <u>wherein said editing said position and size comprises an automatic positioning setting for coinciding said barycenter of said paste-up information received by said paste-up information receiving unit with a predetermined point in the operation screen, and</u>

     <u>wherein said automatic positioning setting is conducted when said paste-up information is moved to the amount of a predetermined ratio in a predetermined position on the operation screen in which said paste-up information is to be pasted.</u>

33.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein said operation screen comprises a background screen and said information paste-up regions comprise outlined areas displayed on said background screen.

33.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 33, further comprising:

     erasing said outlined areas from said operation screen when said information is ready to be pasted.

35.   (Previously presented) The method according to claim 32, further comprising:

     altering a size of said information one of automatically based on a size of said information paste-up regions, and based on a user input.